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11. Dear Paula, I would like to encourage you to accept a meeting request from WHA for an incredibly committed and impressive new Guatemalan Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs for Human Right and Migration, Marta Altolaguirre, who will be in Washington on April 2. Marta is a recent President of the Inter-American Human Rights Commission and has tremendous standing and credibility with the human rights community here and throughout the hemisphere. She is also the new GOG coordinator for anti-TIP efforts, and would like to meet with you to briefly explain the GOG's plans to tackle this important issue. Marta has deeply impressed me and bears a message we welcome: of sincere commitment by a friendly government to do the right thing on an important global issue. I hope you have the chance to meet with her. With warm regards, John HAMILTON